

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2016

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Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
Rev. Juan Carlos Zapata, Parochial Vicar

Eucharist:

Daily: Chapel 8:30 am
Monday, Thursday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

Next Holy Day of Obligation

November 1, 2016 All Saint's Day

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass
Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday (Sábado) 10:00 - 12:00 noon

Baptism/Bautizos:

Baptisms in English are the first and third Saturday of each month. Arrangements should be made one month in advance. Parents should be registered parishioners.

Los Bautizos son el 2do y 4to sábado de cada mes. Deben de pasar por la oficina para coordinar la fecha por lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Deben de estar inscritos en la parroquia para solicitar un bautismo.

Marriage/Matrimonio:

Please arrange with the priest at least one year in advance. Por favor de separar fecha con el sacerdote y un año de anticipación.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación:

Every Saturday (Cada Sábado) 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Religious Education/Catecismo:

English: Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grammar school
RCIA Tuesday 7:00 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

You must be an **active parishioner** for at least 6 months to receive a Certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor or godparent.

Debe ser un **feligrés activo** durante al menos 6 meses para recibir un certificado de elegibilidad para ser un patrocinador o padrino.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
Sr. Marie Charitina, S.C., Dir. Rel. Education
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Will Villanueva, Trustee
Mr. Michael Faccone, Office



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is committed to the Celebration of God's presence among His people through meaningful, well prepared liturgy, prayerful gatherings, evangelization and faith formation. We recognize and welcome the richness of our culturally and ethnically diverse community. We strive to nurture and develop these differences by encouraging all our brothers and sisters to share their gifts so we may strengthen our community and become one.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

SATURDAY (September 10) Weekday, BVM

8:30 ANGELA ROSA/ Antonio Vecchio & Famiglia
 5:00 TERESA & PETER LA GUARDIA/ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (September 11) Twenty-Fourth Sunday in O. T.

8:00 GIULIA DI COSIMO/ Family
 10:30 CARMELA TAMBURELLO/ Husband & Children
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (September 12) The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 ANTHONY W. & MARIE BELLUSCIO/ Franklin and Susan Belluscio
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (September 13) St. John Chrysostom

8:30 JOSEPH CHIRICO/Wife Carmela

WEDNESDAY (September 14) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 ANTONIO STRAZZELLA/ Daughter Millie

THURSDAY (September 15) Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 GIULIA DI COSIMO/ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (September 16) Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/ Mrs. Antonia Chillemi

SATURDAY (September 17) St. Robert Bellarmine, BVM

8:30 CONCETTA & SAVERIO BONACCI/
 Sorella Giuseppina Piccoli
 5:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ James & Cathy Leggett
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (September 18) Twenty-Fifth Sunday in O. T.

8:00 ROCCO CHIAVUZZO/ Caterina Fedele
 10:30 GIUSEPPE QUAGLIA/ Antonio Chirichiello
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Peter Renna** and **Accursia (Tessie) Pozyc.**

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Phyllis & Charlie Panchery** donated by the **Piga Family**.

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Phyllis & Charlie Panchery** donated by the **Piga Family**.



OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION is shown below.

We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish.

Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.

	Weekly Offering	Eastern Europe
5:00 PM	442	108
7:00 PM	704	210
8:00 AM	272	116
10:30 AM	661	205
12:00 Noon	2309	475
Mail	264	
Total	\$4,652	\$1,114

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially

Alfonsina Aker	Carmen Mistichelli
Carmen Alava	Angelo Meo
Sheree Balaam	Leonarda Merlo
Louise Barile	Carlos Moran
Oran Bryant	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Karen Bulloch	Robergeau Paul
Caterina Campbell	Maria Perdomo
Isaac Castañeda	Laura Philipone
Orlando Chavez	Peter Philipone
Wayne Cook	Frank Pierre
Mary Cusmano	Anne Piga
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Raul Atilio Portillo
Marianna Dubell	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Maria Espinoza	Edith Quijada
Mario Fronzoni	Endy Quijada
Denise Griest	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Ann Harris	Sergio Ricciardi
Jared Leonardo Henao	Angel Rivera
Jacob Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joshua Hinman	Magdalena Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	John Ruela
Michelle Johnson	Maria Saavedra
Stanley Kuchno	Salvatore Saluccio
Lindsay LaMarre	Gladys San Antonio
John Lapolla	Hugo Santa Maria
Theresa Lattanzio	Frank Tinnirella
Rosa Leon	Angela Verlengeri
Barbara McMurray	John Veltre
Elvin Martinez	Charles White

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the **Monthly Diocesan Assessment.**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Twenty-Fourth Sunday OT/Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo TO, Ciclo C**

For the past three Sundays, Jesus has talked about salvation - from the human viewpoint. He speaks about the "narrow gate" to the kingdom of heaven. He offers us the key to the narrow gate, namely humility. And he tells us what the key costs - everything. If Jesus stopped there, we could easily fall into despair. I give God so little; I hold back so much for myself. How can I be saved? Even St. Francis - at the end of his incredible life - admitted how little he had done. If salvation depended on our puny efforts, we would be lost. From a human perspective, it seems impossible. Fortunately, this Sunday Jesus gives us another perspective - the divine perspective, God's viewpoint. He tells us that God is like a shepherd who devotes his energy to finding the one lost sheep. Or like the woman who spends all day scouring the house, looking for a single small coin. To understand how God seeks the lost human soul, C.S. Lewis proposed this image: He asks us to imagine a young, muscular diver standing on a high cliff overlooking the ocean. The diver strips to nakedness then jumps from the precipice. He cuts thru the surface of the water at a violent speed then goes deeper and deeper. The brightly lit waters begin to dim and gradually become dark. Still he forces his body on until he reaches the bottom which is murky from centuries of decay. He plunges into the muck and with his outstretched hand grasps the prize he sought. Then up and up drawn by the growing light. When he breaks the surface he opens his palm in triumph. It contains a precious pearl. The terrible dive has changed his body forever, even his color is different, more like the dark green of the depth. God seeks us. Like that diver, he makes an unimaginable effort. In Christ he takes our human nature in order to search for the lost sheep, the misplaced coin. In Christ God seeks you and me. Let's be honest. We are not so anxious for God to find us. We fear losing our "freedom" - our false freedom to do what we want, when we want. Jesus of course wants to give us true freedom, but we often do not see it that way. C.S. Lewis tells about how as a young man he had become an atheist. But he had a nagging fear that God might actually exist. Lewis describes his state of mind with these words: "Amiable agnostics will talk cheerfully about 'man's search for God.' To me, as I then was, they might as well have talked about the mouse's search for the cat." We run from God. Like a mouse from a cat, we hide from him. What about us? You and I were created by God and for God. We can have no happiness apart from him. Still, because of original sin, because of our own distorted hearts, because of the whisperings of the enemy, we keep thinking we can find our own happiness.

Durante los últimos tres domingos, Jesús ha hablado sobre la salvación - desde el punto de vista humano. Habla de la "puerta angosta" al reino de cielo. Nos ofrece la llave, es decir, la humildad. Y nos dice lo que la llave cuesta - todo. Si Jesús terminó allá, sería fácil caer en la desesperación. Doy muy poco a Dios; reservo mucho para mi mismo. ¿Como puedo ser salvado? Aun San Francisco - al final de su vida - admitió lo poco que había hecho. Si la salvación depende de nuestros esfuerzos, somos perdidos. Desde la perspectiva humana, parece imposible. Afortunadamente, este domingo Jesús nos da otra perspectiva - la perspectiva de Dios. Nos dice que Dios es como un pastor que da su energía para buscar la oveja perdida, como la ama de casa que pasa todo el día buscando una moneda pequeña. Para entender como Dios busca el alma perdida, C.S. Lewis propone esta imagen: un buceador en un precipicio alto que brinca y entra el agua con tanta velocidad que va más y más profundo. Llega al fondo y pone su brazo en el lodo. Encuentra lo que busca y sube. Al llegar al aire, abre su mano en triunfo. Contiene una perla valiosa. Dios nos busca. Como aquel buceador hace un esfuerzo inimaginable. Toma nuestra naturaleza para buscar la oveja perdida. En Cristo Dios nos busca. Para ser francos, no estamos tan ansiosos que nos encuentra. Tememos perder nuestra "libertad" - hacer lo que queremos, cuando queremos. C.S. Lewis cuenta como un joven se hizo ateo, pero tenia miedo que Dios existiría. Dice, "Agnósticos a veces habla de la 'búsqueda del hombre para Dios.' ¡Para mi, como yo me sentía en aquel momento, era como hablar del la búsqueda de un ratoncito para el gato!" ¿Y que de nosotros? Tú y yo fuéramos creados por Dios y para Dios. No podemos tener ninguna felicidad fuera de el. No obstante, a causa del pecado original, a causa de nuestros corazones distorsionados, a causa de la voz seductora del enemigo, seguimos pensando que podemos encontrar felicidad y seguridad aparte de Dios. Pero es espejismo. Solo el puede darnos la libertad verdadera. El es la belleza que anhelamos ver - la música que anhelamos oír. Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes y a sus familias.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry **will be Wednesday, September 28, from 1 to 4 PM.** Enter through the 3rd Avenue Basement. Please bring some form of identification.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Our Food Pantry is in need of food. Please drop off your food to help feed those in need of our parish in the baskets at the back of the church or at the rectory.

Lectors for the Weekend of September 17-18, 2016Saturday, September 17

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza
7:00 PM Vivianeth Lorezo y Abel Flores
(C: Raul Alvares)

Sunday, September 18

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz
10:30 AM Ariel Legacy
12:00 Noon Norma Frutos y Rubia Cardoza
(C: Teresa Marin)

**EMHC for the Weekend of September 17-18, 2016
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, September 17

5:00 PM Joe Gambino
7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, September 18

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Rita Agliata and
Cristian Moron
12:00 Noon Sr. Carol, Besy Aleman y Mariza Puello

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The parish family of St. Anthony's seeks to reach out and include the sick, the elderly, and the homebound in the life and prayers of our parish.

Please contact the parish office if someone wants to receive Communion or needs to see the priest for the sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick.



***TUESDAY:** Novena to St. Anthony
(After 8:30 AM Mass — Chapel)
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

***THURSDAY:** Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass

***FRIDAY:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

Registration for the 2016-2017 Religious Education Program is in full swing. Registration cost is \$40 for one student, \$55 for two in the same family, and \$75 for 3 or more students in the same family.

Parents of students currently enrolled in our (2015-2016) program are asked to submit the completed registration forms along with tuition payment to the Church by mail or in person at the rectory office Mondays through Fridays 9:30 AM—5:00 PM.

Parents of NEW students may obtain a registration form at the rectory office, and are asked to stop by the rectory office and bring with them a RECENT copy of their child's baptismal certificate, which they must request from the Church of the child's Baptism.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we review the baptismal certificate and have a copy on file in the rectory office.

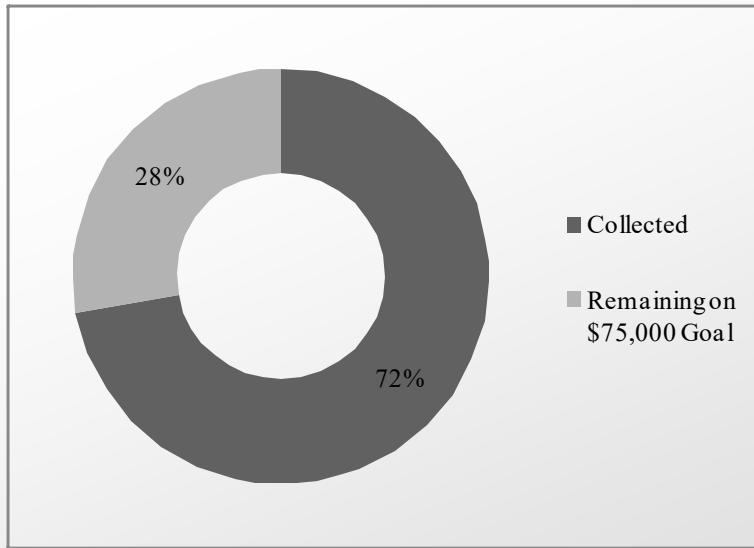
ENGLISH CCD TEACHER'S MEETING

English CCD Teacher's Meeting on Sunday, September 18th at 9:00 AM in the School Library. Any one wishing to teach English CCD on Sundays, please attend this meeting.

Welcome/ Bienvenidos

Welcome New Parishioners! We are happy to have you with us. We would like to invite you to register at the parish office during the week. Registration is essential for sponsor/witness letters. **If you move or change your address, please call the rectory.**

¡Bienvenidos a los nuevos feligreses! Nos da mucho gusto de que estén con nosotros. Los invitamos a inscribirse en nuestra oficina entre semana. Tienen que estar inscritos para recibir cartas verificando su participación en la Iglesia.



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$54,126. Your extra donation will go entirely for this purpose. We are asking that each family donates \$200 to help beautify our Church. Thank you for your generosity.

RENOVACIONES DE LA IGLESIA

Nuestro objetivo para las renovaciones de la Iglesia (pintura y alfombras) es de \$75,000. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$54,126. Su donación adicional se destinará íntegramente a este fin. Pedimos que cada familia dona 200 dólares para ayudar a embellecer nuestra Iglesia. Gracias por tu generosidad.

COME AND LISTEN, GOD LOVES YOU

Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 PM

Starting
September 12, 2016

Talks will be held in the
Youth Center
of the Parish

“Rejoice, highly favored one,
the Lord is with you.”
Luke 1:28

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Free Childcare Provided

VEN Y ESCUCHA, DIOS TE QUIERE

Lunes y Jueves a las 8:00 PM

Empezando el
12 de Septiembre del 2016

Las charlas se darán en el
Youth Center
de la Parroquia

“Alégrate, favorecida de Dios.
El Señor está contigo”
Lucas 1:28

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